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Huntsville, Ala., Times
October 2, 1942

Limestone Negro Fair Under Way

Fall Circuit Court
Set; Work Rushed
On Road Projects

ATHENS, Ala., Oct. 2 — The Limestone County Negro Fair association, which has never missed holding its annual fair here in its more than 30 years of history, opened the 1942 session Thursday morning to continue for three days.

Horse races will be held each day, and the floral hall booths are emphasizing school and community exhibits. Kellie Grady carnival is on the midway with the usual rides, shows and concessions. The premium list is equal or better to last year. Maxie Allen is secretary and general manager of the fair.

The annual white fair, which has been sponsored by the Athens Chamber of Commerce for the past several years, was called off this year on account of the war, although the west Limestone community fair at Salem in the western part of this county took place for three days last week.

ATHENS, Ala., Oct. 2 — Fall jury session of the circuit court will be held here beginning October 26th, with Judge A. A. Griffith of Cullman presiding.

This will be the first jury session of the circuit court for one year, as the usual spring session was not held last March on account of the small number of cases on the docket which were hardly enough to warrant the expense to the county of a jury session.

Two weeks of court will likely be held at this time, one for civil cases and the other being devoted to criminal cases.

ATHENS, Ala., Oct. 2 — The county engineering department is trying to complete as much WPA work as possible before the winter months set in and before any WPA benefits are curtailed in this county.

The two principal projects are the new arsenal road to Huntsville and the new road across Elk river in the western part of the county. A number of smaller road construction and improvements projects are also underway at this time.

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Columbia S. C. State
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Plans Made For Annual SC Negro Fair

Big features which are planned for the thirty-fifth annual showing of the South Carolina State Negro Fair, designated this year as the "Food for Victory Fair," have been announced by Dr. A. J. Collins, president of the association.

Merchants of Columbia are sponsoring a prize contest which will culminate Wednesday night, October 28, the big night of the fair. Persons will receive prizes who are present when their names are called on the grounds at the grandstand Wednesday night. Tuesday is Farmer's day, when many farmers are expected to fill the grounds and the brilliant midway.

W. C. Kaus' shows, with many added attractions, will again be the midway attraction. Fireworks each night beginning Tuesday is also on the program for a most elaborate display. This brilliant midway will be opened Monday night.

Thursday is College day, when football between Benedict and Allen will have the right of way. Friday, between two of the major high schools of South Carolina, a crushing football clash will be fought. Again Booker Washington's Tornados will battle the formidable Mather Academy (Camden) Tigers.

Saturday, premiums will be paid to ribbon winners which were placed on exhibits by judges Wednesday. Exhibits of farm products, livestock and special showings of hereford and dairy cattle promises to be better than ever.

Columbia S. C. Record
October 23, 1942

S.C. Negro Fair To Open Oct. 26

25th Annual Event Listed As "Food For Victory" Exhibition

The 35th Annual South Carolina state colored fair, which will be held in Columbia for six days, October 26-31, promises excellence in every feature scheduled on the week's program according to Dr. A. J. Collins, president, and Henry D. Pearson, secretary.

It has been labeled the "Food for Victory" fair, staged in response to the government's call for more and better food.

A varied assortment of things from the farm, home and school will be seen on exhibit in the half-acre exhibits building and the stalls of the livestock buildings.

The mammoth carnival and shows of the Kaus Brothers, with free acts, fireworks, boxing, college and high school gridiron battles, baby contests, church day, merchants' contests and band concerts will supplement the educational and agricultural exhibits, and give the crowds a big week of thrills and entertainment.

"Big Thursday"

Big Thursday is the standout day for the annual grudge battle between Allen University and Benedict college. This year the game is being played at the State fair. An attendance record is expected to be broken.

On Friday there will be a big high school battle between peremian rivals: Booker Washington and Mather Academy. Booker Washington has been going places this season but must leap this barrier of hard clawing "Eagles" from "The Old Home" at Camden.

As a special added attraction this year a boxing contest of 34 rounds will be staged Tuesday night, October 27. The main bout of this attraction will feature "Ike" Henie, Columbia's light-heavyweight champion, who will fight six rounds against an outstanding opponent.

The program for the week is as follows:

Monday, October 26

10 a. m.—Exhibit building opens.
10:30 a. m.—Begin placing exhibits.

6 p. m.—Midway opens.

Tuesday (Farmers' Day)

9 a. m.—Gates open (free gate).
9 a. m.—Placing exhibits continues.

11:30 a. m.—Farmers' conference.
12 noon—Livestock parade and judging.

2 p. m.—Baby health contest.
6 p. m.—Midway opens.

6:30 p. m.—Exhibit building closed for entering exhibits.
8 p. m.—Judging exhibits.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia S. C. State
October 20, 1942

Negro Fair to Run for Week Of October 26

BY J. D. McGHEE

Numerous big features and a great variety of farm and home exhibits will be seen at the thirty-fifth annual South Carolina State Negro "Food for Victory" fair to be held on the State Fair grounds October 26-31.

The program, which has been arranged by the fair officials, is replete with interest each of the six days of the fair.

Exhibits for the "Food for Victory" fair will reflect the progress on the farm and the enthusiastic support that farm, home and federal agents have been able to get throughout the state.

The fair starts on Monday, when exhibitors will begin placing their displays. Canned goods, cured meats, grain potatoes and other farm products, along with many educational exhibits, will fill the half-acre exhibit building. Livestock, including hogs, cattle and a special stall of Herefords will be on display in the livestock building.

Cooperation of farmers, teachers, ministers and community leaders promises to make the exposition this year the finest in quality and quantity.

Kaus United Shows have again been secured and will bring their mammoth carnival of rides, shows and concessions, supplemented with many new entertaining features.

Fair officials have also secured other new major features. Among the new events on the program is a baby health contest and a boxing contest (34 rounds) for Tuesday. Ike Henie, Columbia favorite of the light-heavyweight class, will fight in the main bout of the contest.

Wednesday is church day. One of the main attractions on the program is the merchants prize contest, which is scheduled for 7 p. m. when prizes will be given to persons on the grounds at the front grandstand when their names are called.

Fireworks, free acts and the brilliant midway attractions are scheduled for each night.

Big Thursday is college day and for the big feature, Allen and Benedict clash in a gridiron classic. Football fans and fair-goers are expected to fill the stadium in this renewal of football rivalry by two leading colleges that live across the street from each other.

Friday is school day. Fairgoers from the county and city

expressed confidence that all records would be broken. Again he urges everyone to see the many fine exhibits in the Armory and on the grounds.

October 26, 1942

Gates to Swing Open Today For Negro Fair

The big gates at the State Fair ground will swing open today for the thirty-fifth annual "Food for Victory" South Carolina State Negro fair to be held October 26-31.

The exposition this year is heralded as one of the finest in quality and quantity and will reflect progress on the farm and in rural communities. Also will be mirrored the results of the war production program that has been spread throughout the state by federal and state agencies.

The Kaus Brothers' united shows have been engaged and shows, concessions and free acts will bring again a galaxy of shows, concessions and free acts for the entertainment of the record attendance expected.

Added attractions this year include 34 rounds of boxing with Ike Henie, Columbia favorite, in the main bout Tuesday night.

The merchants' prize contest has created interest and prizes will be awarded at the front grandstand to persons on the grounds when their names are called Wednesday night at 7 p. m.

Fireworks are scheduled for each night beginning Tuesday and continuing through Friday.

Exhibitions will be placed in the half-acre building beginning today and judging begins Tuesday at 8 p. m. A special livestock exhibit and parade will be on program for the fair week.

Athletic attractions this year include the annual Allen and Benedict game on college day (Thursday) at 2 p. m. Mather Academy of Camden and the Booker Washington Tornados of Columbia face each other in their perennial battle on school day, which is Friday.

Monday, the big fair starts, Tuesday is farmer's day, Wednesday is church day, Thursday is college day, Friday is school day, and Saturday the final day, exhibits will be released, premiums will be paid, and directors will hold their final meeting.

Wednesday (Church Day)
9 a. m.—Gates open.
2 p. m.—Free acts.
3:30 p. m.—Band concert.
4 p. m.—Midway opens.
7 p. m.—Merchants' prize contest.
8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

Thursday (College Day)
9 a. m.—Gates open.
10 a. m.—Midway opens.
12 noon—Band concert.
12:30 p. m.—Free acts.
2 p. m.—Allen-Benedict Football game.
5:30 p. m.—Free acts.
8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

Friday (School Day)
9 a. m.—Fair opens.
10 a. m.—Midway opens.
11 a. m.—Band concert.
5:30 p. m.—Free acts.
8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.

Saturday (Final Day)
9 a. m.—Gates open.
10 a. m.—Exhibits released.
11 a. m.—Payment of premiums.
12 noon—Directors meeting.

Greenwood S. C. Index-Journal

October 20, 1942

FAIR ATTENDANCE BREAKS RECORD

Secretary Henderson Estimates 2,500 In Grounds On Opening Night

Secretary E. B. Henderson estimated today that at least 2,500 persons attended the opening of the annual Greenwood County Fair last night and he was expecting another large crowd this afternoon and evening.

The attendance last night, Mr. Henderson said, was twenty per cent better in gate receipts than on the opening night last year.

Today is being observed as White School Day when all pupils will be admitted to the grounds free until five o'clock.

Tomorrow will be Colored School Day when all colored pupils will be admitted free until the same hour.

Secretary Henderson said that he was very much pleased with the interest being shown by the general public in the fair this year and he

schools will pass through the turnstiles to witness all the features on schedule, enjoy the midway attractions and see the five educational exhibits showing progress on the farm and the results of war production effort in South Carolina. Exhibits will be released and premiums paid on Saturday, and with a final meeting of the directors.

Columbia S. C. State
August 9, 1942

South Carolina Negro Fair Plans Told

The annual South Carolina State Negro fair to be held in Columbia October 26 through 31 will have as its theme "Food for Victory," according to an announcement made by the committee on arrangements. After holding a special meeting, it was decided that the fair be held in spite of war conditions and that all possible effort would be made to co-operate with the national defense program.

The committee said that emphasis would be placed on agriculture and farm products, showing the recent improvements throughout the state in crop production, gains in livestock and other phases of agricultural developments, along with educational and general farm life which have received moral and financial encouragement from the State fair.

Some of the added features to be included this year are the Allen-Benedict football classic, the Booker Washington - Mather game, Church day, a baby contest, three nights of fireworks and the merchants' prize contest. A much larger carnival is scheduled with added exhibits.

The committee feels that the "Food for Victory" fair will be the greatest show for the Negro people in that it displays the many things they have achieved in helping the government put over its program.

Dr. A. J. Collins is president of the association; A. P. Harper, vice president; H. D. Pearson, secretary; J. B. Williams, treasurer; C. G. Garrett, superintendent. On the board of directors are Stella Jenkins, Manning; D. R. Starks, Columbia; R. T. Williams, Newberry; S. R. Hunter, Clinton; the Rev. A. W. Hill, Florence; W. H. Stanley, Hands; Mrs. Lillian Brown, Florence; H. B. Smith, Columbia; Andrew Harris, Columbia; the Rev. J. P. Reeder, Columbia; The Rev. J. M. Miller, Walterboro.

Columbia S. C. Record
August 7, 1942

Plans Made For Fair At Orangeburg Oct. 13-16

ORANGEBURG, Aug. 7.—Trustees of the Orangeburg County Colored Fair in a full session this week discussed plans for the 1942 fair to be held at Orangeburg October 13-16.

W. C. Lewis, secretary of the association announced that the fair is going "all out" to prove to the public what it has accomplished this year for defense. Bonds and stamps sales will be boosted during the week of the fair. Booths for federal government exhibits will be reserved.

Columbia S. C. State
August 8, 1942

Orangeburg County's Negro Fair Is Planned

Orangeburg, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Trustees of the Orangeburg County Negro fair in a full session this week discussed plans for the 1942 fair to be held at Orangeburg October 13-15.

W. C. Lewis, secretary of the association announced that the fair is going "all out" to prove to the public what it has accomplished this year for defense. Bonds and stamps sales will be boosted during the week of the fair. Booths for federal government exhibits will be reserved.

Columbia S. C. Record
November 2, 1942

Negro Fair Is Success

Annual Exhibit Praised For Attendance And Exhibits

The awarding of premiums and prizes Saturday closed what officials said was the "most successful" colored state fair in 15 years.

Fair officials and executives including A. J. Collins, president; H. D. Pearson, secretary; and J. B. Williams, treasurer; all declared the 35th annual exposition to be the best in quality and the biggest in attendance in years.

All agencies, state and federal, cooperated to make the war production effort in farm and home the best.

Big athletic features on Thursday, when Benedict beat Allen 7-2 and Mather Academy upset Booker Washington 6-0.

Other entertaining features included prize fights, fire works, a cintillating free act, and a brilliant midway.

Columbia S. C. State
October 27, 1942

Attractions and Exhibits At South Carolina Negro Fair Attended by Crowds

BY J. D. MCGHEE

Officials and workers of the thirty-fifth annual South Carolina Negro Fair were busy all Monday with exhibits which almost filled the half-acre steel building with displays depicting progress in homes and on farms and the war efforts in farm production this past year by the South Carolina Negro.

First day activities indicated that one of the best expositions in the history of the Negro Fair will be witnessed by a record week's attendance.

The midway of the Kaus United shows with numerous concessions, side show, rides, free acts and many new features was thronged by a large first night crowd.

All is in readiness for the baby contest to be conducted this afternoon by a committee of physicians headed by Dr. W. D. Chappelle, a Columbia specialist in child diseases.

Judges will begin placing blue, red and white markers on the winning exhibits tonight.

Fair executives have held their first sessions and discussed various phases of the personnel organization on the grounds. Reports on finished and unfinished items were heard and the decks were cleared for smooth sailing in every department for the remainder of the gala week.

All special attractions on the midway and free acts will continue through Saturday.

Wednesday has been designated as "Church Day." The featured event of the day will be the Merchants' prize contest taking place at 7 p. m. Prize winners who are at the front grand stand when their names are called will receive awards.

King football will reign on "Big Thursday," which is College Day. Benedict and Allen will play in the classic athletic event. This attraction is expected to send the attendance up beyond the previous record.

Friday is High School day. Two outstanding high school elevens, Mather academy (Camden) and Booker Washington (Columbia) will fight it out for conference honors. All schools of the city and many in Richland county will have holiday and will turn out enmasse to witness the game.

On Saturday the fair will close with a directors' meeting, the releasing of exhibits and the paying of premiums. The midway will also close then.

Columbia S. C. Record
October 28, 1942

Moore Praises S.C. Negro Fair

Judges Select More Than 300 Premium Winners In Exhibits

Exhibits and special features of the South Carolina State Fair received high praise today from Paul V. Moore, secretary of the state fair association who visited the grounds Tuesday.

Judges began their work last night and selected more than 200 premium winners from among the "food for victory" exhibits and booths. Mr. Moore complimented the arrangement and quality of exhibits.

A baby contest conducted yesterday afternoon by a group of physicians headed by Dr. W. D. Chappelle proved to be one of the high spots of the day.

The boxing matches scheduled to headline Tuesday night's bill were postponed until Friday evening. Ike Henie, Columbia favorite, will be seen in the main bout.

Church Day

Today was church day at the fair ground. Expected to draw an especially large crowd is the annual merchant's contest to be held tonight at 7 o'clock in front of the grandstand. Persons on the fair ground when, and if, their names are called will be awarded the prizes.

The spotlight of tomorrow's program will fall on a football game between Allen University and Benedict college at 3 p. m. The two rivals will meet in the stadium at the fair ground.

High school children will have full sway over Friday's events. A grid contest—between Booker Washington and Mather Academy—again will headline the list of special features.

Saturday the gala 35th annual fair will close with the paying of premiums and a board meeting.

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Gallatin, Tenn. Exam-Tennessean
July 17, 1942

Clarkesville, Tenn. Leaf-Chronicle
August 14, 1942

TENNESSEE

Negro Fair Catalog Lists 335 Events

Published this week, the catalog for the 1942 Sumner County Colored Agricultural Fair, which is to be held August 27, 28, and 29, flaunts a gay orange cover and has 56 pages, listing 335 separate events in which prizes are offered. Under the American flag on the cover is the legend, "Men of the Soil . . . We've a War to Win." Listed are the 84 colored Sumner Countians serving in the United States Army, and a page is also given to Col. Link Randolph, who died only last September but was able to recall the Sumner County Fairs he attended as a barefoot boy 70 years ago.

The show, now in its 36th year under the present management, dates back to the early 1860's and is thought to be the oldest Negro fair in America. Its present grounds are close to the original site.

Pointing out that "this may be the last fair for the duration," Edward V. Anthony, Secretary of the organization, urged all Sumner Countians and their friends from near and far to attend it. "In this year of the greatest war the world has ever known," the catalog states, "the Sumner County Colored Fair carries on, proud to be able to continue its service to encourage and sustain agricultural endeavor."

Advertising matter is already being distributed throughout the county and nearby counties, and a large attendance is expected.

Members of the Fair Association are as follows:

Rufus Horton, president; John McClellan, vice-president; Edw. V. Anthony, secretary; H. L. Tolliver, treasurer; Jimmie Malone, ringmaster; Chas. Bate, manager floral hall; Mrs. Jennie Jimmerson, supervisor floral hall; Mrs. Aaron Malone and Mrs. Hardy Hall, ass't. floral hall; Henry Tyree and Andrew Wilkes, gates.

NEGRO FAIR OPENS AUG. 19

Local Negro 4-H Club boys will send exhibits to the Mid-State Colored Fair, scheduled for August 19-22, inclusive, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, according to a statement this morning from the office of J. R. Branham, local colored farm agent here.

"The Mid-State Colored Fair will offer a splendid opportunity to enter products in competition this year, considering the requested discontinuation of fairs in general by the office of defense transportation for the duration of the war," Branham said.

In a wholehearted effort to cooperate with the request of the Office of Defense Transportation in regard to all fairs, it is extremely doubtful as to whether the local Negro 4-H Club boys will have an opportunity to participate in a local county-wide agricultural exhibition of Negro farm products, either this year or for the duration of the war, Branham stated. However, he explained that the Mid-State Colored Fair at Murfreesboro will still offer an opportunity for Negro 4-H Club boys this year in regard to entering farm products into competition.

It is very certain, according to the local colored farm agent, that the Montgomery County Negro 4-H Club boys will play a major role in providing an outstanding exhibit of dark-fired tobacco at the Mid-State Colored Fair from samples taken from their 1941 tobacco crops.

All boys who plan to send products to the Mid-State Fair are requested to contact Branham by not later than Tuesday, August 18.